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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

For:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that this reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully request consideration and entry of the Information Disclosure Statement filed contemporaneously herewith. A check in the amount of \$180.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is also enclosed.

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